






**A SEPARATING APPARATUS FOR A VACUUM CLEANER**

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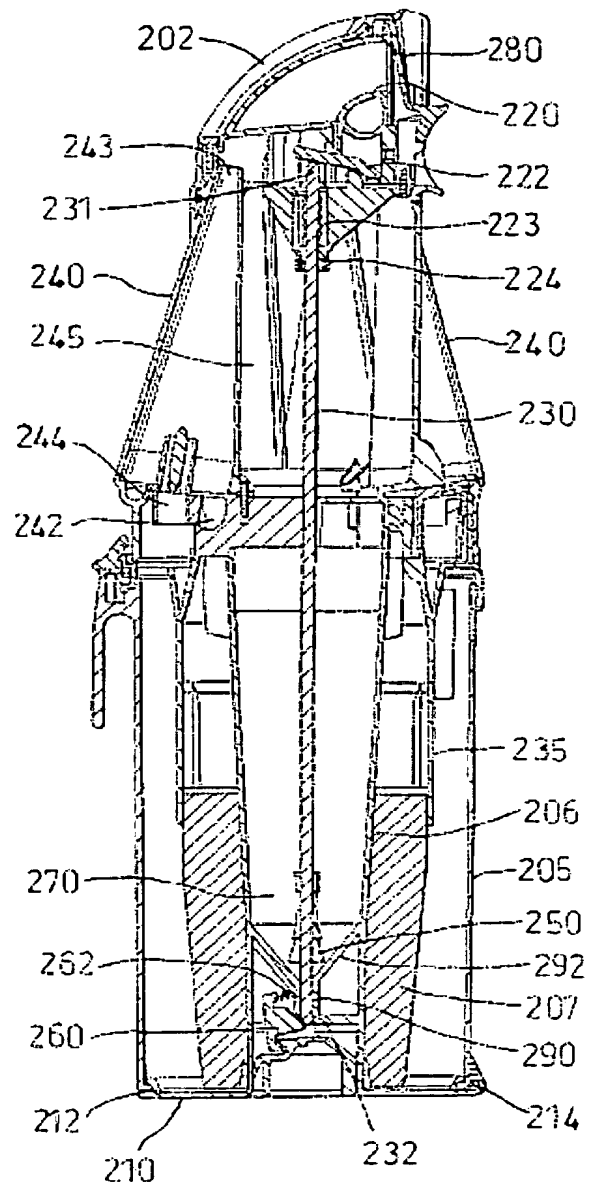
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**Abstract of WO02067750**

A bagless vacuum cleaner (10) comprises a separating unit (20) for separating dirt and dust from a dirt-laden airflow which is drawn in by the cleaner. The separating unit (20) has a chamber (205) with a collection area for collecting dirt and dust which is separated from the airflow. A base (210) of the separating unit (20) is movable between a closed position (Fig. 3) and an open position. The closure member (210) is released by a trigger (220) and a linking mechanism (222, 230, 260). The linking mechanism (230) is located centrally within an insert (206) in the chamber. The insert (206) is a collection area for dust from a second separating stage (240).



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